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RE: Call U.S. Patent Application Filed February 19, 1998 for MULTI-COMPONENT SYSTEM FOR USE WITH DETERGENT SUBSTANCES
Our File No. 18224-063

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is a complete copy of the entirety of the above-referenced U.S. Patent application as filed on February 19, 1998 by Express Mail utilizing the filing procedures provided under 37 CFR Section 1.10. This application represents the entry into the US National Phase under corresponding International PCT Application No. PCT/DE96/02658, as reflected in the filing papers.

Also attached hereto is the U.S. Postal Services' Express Mail receipt reflecting acknowledgement of receipt of the Express Mail application package on February 19, 1998.

To date, the applicant's undersigned attorney has yet to receive back from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office the self-addressed postcard acknowledgement of the application which was enclosed with the application package as sent by Express Mail, nor has the applicant's undersigned attorney of record yet received any formal filing receipt or other filing acknowledgement.

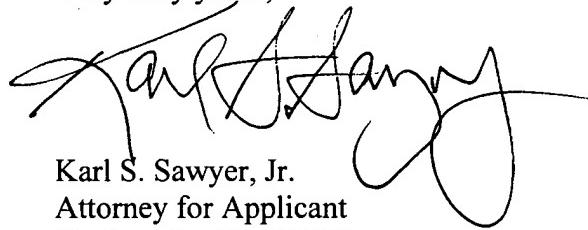
On behalf of the applicant, we therefore respectfully request acknowledgement that the application was received and has been accorded a filing date of February 19, 1998, per the provisions of 37 CFR Section 1.10, and we also respectfully request a report as to the status of this application otherwise.

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In case for unexplained reasons the application was not received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, it is respectfully requested that this letter be received and treated as a petition pursuant to 37 CFR Section 1.10(e) requesting that the application be accorded the filing date of February 19, 1998, to which it is entitled. It is believed self evident that this letter/petition is being filed promptly (indeed, the applicant does not yet have any formal confirmation that the application was not received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office). Secondly, it is equally self-evident from the attached application papers that the "Express Mail" mailing label was placed on the application papers prior to original mailing. The undersigned attorney for applicant represents and hereby verifies that the attached papers constitute a complete copy of the application as originally deposited by Express Mail with the Postal Service and the attached copy of the Postal Services' "Express Mail" receipt verifies February 19, 1998, as the "date in". Finally, as additional confirmation that the application was, in fact, transmitted by Express Mail on the indicated date of February 19, 1998, there is additionally enclosed herewith a copy of the relevant page from the "Express Mail" mailing log maintained in the normal course of business by the undersigned attorney's law firm reflecting an entry on February 19, 1998, that this application was transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office by Express Mail on such date.

No petition fee is believed to be necessary in connection with this letter/petition, but in case a petition fee is deemed to be required, the applicable fee may be charged to Deposit Account 18-1215, subject to the applicant's right to request reimbursement of any such fee.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karl S. Sawyer, Jr." followed by a stylized surname.

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cc: Dietrich Von Creytz (Via Fax & Mail - Germany)